

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 18, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, United States House of
Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader, United States House of
Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman, House Committee on
Ways and Means
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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member, House Committee on
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The Honorable Nita Lowey
Chairwoman, House Committee on
Appropriations
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member, House Committee on
Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515


Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Chairman Neal, Ranking Member Brady, Chairwoman Lowey, and Ranking Member Granger,

As members from districts with major ties to travel and tourism, we are deeply concerned about the communities and businesses that have been devastated by the total shutdown of the tourism economy as restaurants, resorts, retailers, sport facilities, entertainment venues, museums, cultural centers, ports, parks, airports and more have closed or been significantly impacted by the spread of COVID-19.

According to the U.S. Travel Association, an estimated 4.6 million jobs and \$355 billion in revenue will be lost this year in the travel and tourism industry. As Congress considers the next phase of our response, it is imperative that we include proposals that will assist these workers and businesses which are vital to our nation's economy.

One of every ten jobs in this country is tied to the travel and tourism industry. We look forward to working with you on a long-term recovery package that keeps these workers in mind. Together, we must ensure that the workers, their families, and the communities we represent are able to rebound from this crisis. We thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,



Dina Titus
Member of Congress



Gus M. Bilirakis
Member of Congress



Bradley Byrne
Member of Congress

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